

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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3. (New) A medical lead, comprising:

a lead body having an insulator and having at least one conductor, and wherein the insulator comprises,

a first region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the first region exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor, and

a second region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the second region exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor; and

at least one electrode electrically connected to the at least one conductor through the first region and electrically connected to the at least one conductor through the second region.

4. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the lead body further comprises a distal end and a proximal end, and the first region, the second region and the at least one electrode are located proximate the distal end of the lead body.

5. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 4 wherein the insulator further comprises,

1 a third region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the third region  
2 exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor, and

3 a fourth region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the fourth region  
4 exposing at least a portion of the at least one conductor; and

5 wherein the lead further comprises a second electrode electrically connected to the at least  
6 one conductor through the third region and electrically connected to the at least one conductor  
7 through the fourth region; and

8 wherein the third region, the fourth region and the second electrode are located proximate  
9 the proximal end of the lead body.

1 6. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the lead body further  
2 comprises:

3 a second conductor;

4 and wherein the insulator further comprises,

5 a third region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the third region  
6 exposing at least a portion of the second conductor, and

7 a fourth region formed by removal of at least a portion of the insulator, the fourth  
8 region exposing at least a portion of the second conductor; and

9 a second electrode electrically connected to the second conductor through the third region  
10 and electrically connected to the second conductor through the fourth region.

1 7. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the lead body further comprises  
2 a distal end and a proximal end, and the first region, the second region and the at least one electrode  
3 are located proximate the distal end of the lead body.

1 8. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the third region, the fourth  
2 region and the second electrode are located proximate the distal end of the lead body.

1 9. (New) A medical lead, comprising:

2 a lead body having an insulator and at least one conductor, wherein the insulator comprises,

3 a first welding region formed by removal of at least a first portion of the insulator  
4 from the lead body, at least a portion of the first welding region formed to expose at least a first  
5 portion of the at least one conductor, and

6 a second welding region formed by removal of at least a second portion of the  
7 insulator from the lead body, at least a portion of the second welding region formed to expose at least  
8 a second portion of the at least one conductor;

9 a first conductive element having at least a portion thereof positioned within the first welding  
10 region, the first conductive element electrically connected to the at least one conductor;

11 a second conductive element positioned within the second welding region, the second  
12 conductive element electrically connected to the at least one conductor; and

13 a band electrically connected to the first conductive element and electrically connected to the  
14 second conductive element.

1 10. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 9 wherein the band is welded to the first  
2 conductive element and welded to the second conductive element.

1 11. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 10 wherein the first welding region  
2 comprises a first groove cut in the insulator, and the second welding region comprises a second  
3 groove cut in the insulator.

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1 12. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 9 wherein the first conductive element  
2 is electrically connected to the at least one conductor using a weld.

1 13. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 9 wherein the first conductive element  
2 is electrically connected to the at least one conductor using a conductive adhesive.

1 14. (New) A medical lead, comprising:

2 a lead body having an insulator and at least one conductor, wherein the insulator comprises,

3 a first welding region formed by removal of at least a first portion of the insulator

4 from the lead body, at least a portion of the first welding region formed to expose at least a first

5 portion of the at least one conductor, and

6 a second welding region formed by removal of at least a second portion of the

7 insulator from the lead body, at least a portion of the second welding region formed to expose at least

8 a second portion of the at least one conductor;

9 a first conductive pad within the first welding region, the first conductive pad electrically

10 connected to the at least one conductor;

11 a second conductive pad within the second welding region, the second conductive pad

12 electrically connected to the at least one conductor; and

13 a band welded to the first conductive pad at the first welding region to electrically connect

14 the band to the at least one conductor, and welded to the second conductive pad at the second

15 welding region to electrically connect the band to the at least one conductor.

1 15. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 14 wherein the first welding region

2 comprises a first groove cut in the insulator, and the second welding region comprises a second

3 groove cut in the insulator.

1 16. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 15 wherein the first groove and the  
2 second groove run parallel to the at least one conductor.

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concl'd 17. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 14 wherein the first conductive pad is  
electrically connected to the at least one conductor using a weld, and the second conductive pad is  
electrically connected to the at least one conductor using a weld.

1 18. (New) The medical lead in accordance with Claim 14 wherein each of the first welding  
2 region, the second welding region, the first conductive pad, the second conductive pad, and the band  
3 are positioned proximate a distal end of the lead body, and wherein the insulator positioned  
4 proximate a proximal end of the lead body further comprises a third welding region formed by  
5 removal of at least a third portion of the insulator from the lead body, at least a portion of the third  
6 welding region formed to expose at least a third portion of the at least one conductor, and the lead  
7 body further comprises:

8 a third conductive pad within the third welding region, the third conductive pad electrically  
9 connected to the at least one conductor; and

10 a second band welded to the third conductive pad at the third welding region to electrically  
11 connect the second band to the at least one conductor.